



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: P.A. Graef et al. Attorney Docket No.: WEYE116969
Application No.: 09/815,933 Group Art Unit: 1771
Filed: March 23, 2001 Examiner: J.A. Boyd
Title: ABSORBENT COMPOSITE HAVING IMPROVED SURFACE DRYNESS

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

March 10, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
|--------------------|---|---|------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 79 | - | 107 | = 0 x 18 | = 0 |
| Independent Claims | 7 | - | 7 | = 0 x 86 | = 0 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$0 |

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 1, 2003, set to expire on March 1, 2004, be extended by 1 month, to expire on April 1, 2004. The enclosed check includes the 1-month extension fee of \$110.00.

C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 154270 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the request for extension of time fee.

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D. Additional Documents Transmitted

Further enclosed herewith are a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, 4 cited references, and our Check No. 154269 in the amount of \$180.00 for the submission fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

E. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

Date: March 10, 2004

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AMENDMENT B

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. The time period for response has been extended one (1) month, to expire April 1, 2004, pursuant to the Request for Extension of Time enclosed herewith.

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